MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON: The conditions in that understanding are still the subject of negotiation and I therefore do not think it proper to discuss them now.

PRESIDENT: There has been some understanding, and it has been in formally agreed upon, both by the Cochin Government and this Government. At this juncture it may not be quite expedient that the full details of that understanding should be made known because they might be canvassed or there might be other forces working against them.

Government Ayurvedic Dispensary in Trivandrum.

263 *MR. G. VELU PILLAI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government Ayurvedic Dispensary in Trivandrum is located in a rented building;

(*b*) if so, the rent of the building per mensem;

(*c*) how long is it since the dispensary has been located in that building; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to have a permanent Government building for the purpose?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 114 per mensem.

(*c*) 24 years.

(*d*) The question is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. G. VELU PILLI: May I know whether there is any undertaking from Government that the Government Ayurvedic Dispensary will continue to be held for a fixed term of years?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There is no such definite undertaking.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Thiruvella*): May I know whether the present dispensary is in a healthy place?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is not quite desirable to continue it there. That is why it is stated that the construction of a permanent Government building for the purpose is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the extent of land that may be required for constructing a permanent building for the Ayurvedic dispensary?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I claim notice.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI. ന ാ ണ്ടെന്റ വിസ്തീർണ്ണമുള്ള ഒരു സ്ഥലത്തല്ലെ ഈ സ്ഥാപനം ഇട്ടിരിക്കുന്നത്?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I have no information.

Quilon Telephone Exchange.

264 *MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any delay in putting through the trunk calls at Quilon Telephone Exchange;

(*b*) if so, whether this is due to the increasing number of utrnk calls thereon or to insufficient hands; and

(*c*) whether on account of the delay serious inconvenience is caused especially to business people?

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MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*. The delay is due to the increased traffic and not due to the shortage of operators at the Quilon Exchange.

(*c*) It is possible that some inconvenience is caused to business people on account of such delays.

MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA : In answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether any action will be taken before introducing the new scheme of business?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : The only way to cope with the present increase in traffic is by providing fresh out lets. But in view of the present situation consequent on the world war, it is very difficult to get the necessary enquipments and materials for such extensions. Further, this abnormal increase in the traffic might probably be not a normal feature. Fresh work could be considered only after conditions become normal.

MR. J. E. A. PEREIRA : May I know whether the member is aware that even when there is not sufficient business, there is inconvenience caused to the merchants?

MR K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : That is a matter of opinion.

MR. J. E A. PERIERA : May I know, whether the Government are aware of the tremendous inconvenience caused in the Quilon Exchange for not getting in time trunk calls as and when desired by businessmen?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : I have not received any complaint so far in that matter.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI (*Nominated*) : May I know whether it is not a fact that all trunk calls go through Quilon and therefore some inconvenience is caused to the business men with regard to the availability of trunk calls?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON ; At present it is so.

Trunk Telephone System.

265 *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have considered the necessity of extending the Trunk Telephone System to Parur ; and

(*b*) the names of the places, if any, in Parur taluk to which the Trunk Telephone System was extended this year ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : (*a*) Yes. Arrangements for the construction of this extension have already been made and the work is proposed to be taken up immediately.

(*b*) Edapally.

MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: പള്ളിപ്പുറം, ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് ആശുപത്രി, ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് കോർട്ട് മുതലായ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ ഉള്ള പറവൂരിൽ ട്രങ്ക് ടെലഫോൺ സിസ്റ്റം നീട്ടാത്തതിന്റെ കാരണമെന്താണ് ?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : It is included in the present programme of construction and the work is in progress

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Am I to take it that there are difficulties for want of materials etc. to extend the scheme?

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON : Not in this particular case.

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